

Public Health Strategies to Prevent and Control the Spread of Flu

- Surveillance
- Community mitigation
- Vaccination
- Communication

School Based Surveillance-

Status and Trends

- I. **Daily Exclusion Report for Students with Flu Like Symptoms** (Temperature 100 degrees or greater with cough and / or sore throat)

Total students excluded

schools excluded students

schools excluded 1 to 2 students

- II. **Absentee Data** reported by CHILDREN'S HEALTH ALERT NETWORK(CHAN) contributes to regional report

Prevention of Flu in Schools

Current Severity-Mild/Moderate

- Respiratory etiquette
- Hand hygiene
- Stay home when sick (24hrs w/o fever or medication)
- Routine cleaning
- Isolation and exclusion for flu like illness

Exclusion of Students for Flu Like Symptoms

- Temperature > 100.0 degrees AND cough and/or sore throat
- Exclude ill students for at least 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medicines

In the beginning..

- We knew what we knew
- We knew what we didn't know
- We didn't know what we didn't know